2016 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

Funded Partners

Catholic Charities North, Family and Children's Service of Greater Lynn, Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development, Lynn Parks and Recreation Department, Lynn Police Department, Lynn Public Schools, Straight Ahead Ministries

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: http://www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-andtraining/justice-and-prev/grants/shannon-csi/

Funding Allocation



551 Total Youth Served

51.7%

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

9.1% High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development Recreation*



311 Participated in Positive Youth Development

Programs

Developed Communication and **Conflict Resolution** Skills

16

Case Management & Street Outreach or Intervention



146 **Received Street Outreach Services**

Received Case Management Services

64

Education **Employment**



13 Completed a Subsidized **Employment** Program

Obtained Unsubsidized **Employment**

10

Suppression



16 **Hot Spot Patrols** Completed

Gang Members and High Impact Players Arrested

12

Community Mobilization



People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

352

Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

41

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Massachusetts	Community Risk Factors	Lynn
6,794,422	Total Population (2015 Estimate)	92,457
11.5%	Population Lives in Poverty	20.2%
2.8%	Unemployment Rate	4.2%
953,429	Total Public School Population (2015-2016)	15,098
27.4%	Economically Disadvantaged	47.0%
4.9%	High School Dropout Rate	12.2%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/sources.gov/lwd/economic-gata/sources.gov/lwd/economic-gata/sources.gov/lwd/economic-gata/sources.gov/lwd/economic-gata/sou

Lynn's Gang Activity

400 Gang Members

100
Gang Members

Under 25 Years Old

During 2016, Lynn Police Department identified 400 gang members of which 25% were under the age of 25. Older gang members made little effort to promote their gangs but seemed to be involved in the larger scale heroin, crack cocaine, and firearms distribution. Younger gang members promoted their gangs through wearing their colors, tagging buildings, and on social media. Twenty-seven out of 155 firearm-related incidents were gang-related.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2012-2016





